

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

NOTICE BY PENDLETON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,))
GAS DIVISION TO INCREASE BASIC GAS RATES,))
TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY GAS SURCHARGE TO))
PAY ITS SUPPLIERS AND MOTION FOR INTERIM))
RATES))

CASE NO. 8568

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

On the 13th day of October, 1982, Pendleton County Water District, Gas Division, (Pendleton County) filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for gas service rendered on and after the 2nd day of November, 1982.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five months on and after the 2nd day of November, 1982.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Pendleton County shall provide notice of the proposed rates and the estimated amount of increase per customer class by posting a sheet stating the proposed rates and the estimated amount of increase per customer class at its places of business and, in addition, notice thereof (1) is to be included with customer billings made on or before the application

is filed with the Public Service Commission, (2) is to be published by such date in a trade publication or newsletter going to all customers, or (3) is to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a prominent manner in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in its service area, the first publication to be made prior to the filing of the application with the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the notice or publication shall include a statement to the effect (1) that any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion, within 30 days after receiving notice of the proposed rate changes, request leave to intervene; (2) that the motion to intervene should be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 730 Schenkel Lane, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602, and should set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party; and (3) that a copy of the application and testimony is available for inspection (name of location or locations) and that copies of the application and testimony may be obtained by each intervenor in this proceeding by contacting the applicant at a name and address to be stated in the notice or publication. Each notice or publication shall also contain the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Pendleton County Water District, Gas Division. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That two weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, Pendleton County shall file its testimony in verified prepared form unless filed earlier.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That five weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, all Requests for Information to Pendleton County shall be due, unless submitted earlier, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That eight weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, all Supplemental Requests for Information (to include only those matters within the scope of the initial request) to Pendleton County shall be due, unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Pendleton County shall mail or deliver Responses to the original Requests for Information within two weeks after receipt unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission, and shall mail or deliver Responses to follow-up Requests within one week after receipt unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission, and all Responses shall identify the witness or witnesses who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to each request for information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That eleven weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, Intervenorrs shall file their testimony in verified prepared form, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That thirteen weeks subsequent to the filing of the application all Requests for Information to Intervenorrs

shall be due, unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Intervenors shall mail or deliver Responses to Requests for Information within three weeks of receipt, unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission, and the Responses shall identify the witness or witnesses who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to each request for information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a hearing be and it hereby is scheduled to commence on February 8, 1983, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Pendleton County, cross-examination of witnesses of Intervenors, and the presentation of rebuttal testimony, if any, by Pendleton County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That pursuant to the provisions of KRS 424.300, notice of the date, time, place and the general purpose of the hearing shall be published once in a prominent manner in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the areas served by Pendleton County, said publication to occur not more than 21 days or less than seven days prior to the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Pendleton County and Intervenors may file briefs simultaneously in the twentieth week.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein will be granted only upon a showing of compelling reasons.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of October, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary